

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 CAIRO 11079 190935Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 EUR-12 IO-13 ISO-00 SSM-03 ACDA-12
CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00
PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 NSCE-00 SSO-00 ICAE-00 INRE-00
HA-05 /103 W

-----076160 191000Z /21/42

O 181540Z APR 78
FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8115
INFO USDEL SECRETARY AIRCRAFT IMMEDIATE
AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA
AMEMBASSY AMMAN
USINT BAGHDAD
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
AMCONSUL JERUSALEM
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY PARIS
USMISSION SINAI
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CAIRO 11079

CORRECTED COPY (TEXT)

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PEPR PDEV EG XF
SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT OF PEACE PROCESS/ISRAEL/LEBANON

SUMMARY. CAIRO DAILIES APRIL 18 GIVE PROMINENCE TO
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 CAIRO 11079 190935Z

KAMEL MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE BUT WITHOUT DETAILS.
ATHERTON WELCOMED WITHOUT FANFARE. PAPERS REJECT
ISRAEL'S RECENTLY STATED INTERPRETATION OF 242.
AKHBAR'S EDITOR MOUSSA SABRI CAUTIONS READERS THAT
REPLACEMENT OF BEGIN WOULD NOT CHANGE ISRAELI POSITIONS;
ONLY U.S. PRESSURE CAN DO THAT. SABRI'S ARTICLE
PROBABLY REFLECTS SADAT'S THINKING. END SUMMARY.

1. PEACE PROCESS. IN LATE EDITIONS AHAM AND GUMHURIYYA REPORT BRIEFLY ON SECRETARY VANCE'S AIRPORT MEETING WITH FORMIN KAMEL. KAMEL TOLD PRESS DISCUSSIONS HAD COVERED MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM AND LEBANON INCLUDING NECESSITY FOR IMMEDIATE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL. SECRETARY ALSO HAD BRIEFED HIM ON RESULTS OF TALKS IN RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. KAMEL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO VANCE FOR AMERICA'S "PARTICIPATION AS A MAIN PARTNER" IN PEACE PROCESS. STORY GOES ON TO REPORT "AMERICAN CIRCLES" AS SAYING U.S. WANTS HOLD "EXPLORATORY TALKS" BEFORE BEGIN VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND THEREFORE ATHERTON WILL RETURN TO CAIRO FRIDAY, GO ON TO JERUSALEM AND THEN RETURN TO WASHINGTON. GOE WELCOMED ATHERTON VISIT.

2. EGYPTIAN PLAN. CENTER PARTY WEEKLY MISR HAD STORY ON "NEW EGYPTIAN PLAN": SADAT WILL HOLD IMPORTANT MEETING OF NSC UPON RETURN FROM UPPER EGYPT (PROBABLY IN 3 OR 4 DAYS) "TO DRAW UP TOTAL PLAN FOR BOOSTING THE PEACE INITIATIVE". PAPER SAYS PRESIDENT WILL RECEIVE REPORTS ON GAMASY-WEIZMAN TALKS, MILITARY POSITION IN EGYPT, REACTION TO ARAB SUMMIT PROPOSAL, AND "SURGE OF OPPOSITION" WITHIN AMERICAN AND ISRAELI PUBLIC OPINION TO BEGIN'S POLIRW. OTHERWISE, NO INDICATION OF WHAT "PLAN" MAY BE. PAPER CLAIMS SADAT YESTERDAY APPROVED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 CAIRO 11079 190935Z

"WIDESCALE RESHUFFLE IN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE" INCLUDING AMBASSADORS.

3. ISRAEL AND 242. AHAM HAS FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE CLAIMING ISRAEL TRYING TO SUGGEST ITS APRIL 16 DECLARATION ON 242 IS "PROGRESS IN ISRAELI POSITION" AND CONSTITUTES "CONCESSIONS". HOWEVER, GOE REJECTS ISRAEL'S POSITION SINCE SELF-RULE PROPOSAL MEANS REJECTION OF APPLICABILITY OF 242 TO WEST BANK AND GAZA. GUMHURIYYA EDITORIAL MAKES SAME POINT SAYING THAT ISRAEL IS MERELY "PLAYING ON WORDS" AND HAS SAID NOTHING NEW.

4. FURTHER ON ISRAEL, AKHBAR CHAIRMAN MOUSSA SABRI'S EDITORIAL ENTITLED "WHAT IS GOING ON INSIDE ISRAEL?" SAYS SITUATION IN ISRAEL SHOULD BE PLACED IN TRUE PERSPECTIVE; MANELY, THAT ARABS ARE DEALING WITH A "RESPONSIBLE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT" AND NOT WITH PERSONS. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OFFICIALS DO NOT MEAN THAT ONE PARTY RECOGNIZES NEED FOR FULL WITHDRAWAL AND RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND OTHERS DO NOT. IN SABRI'S OPINION "ALL ISRAELI STATESMEN SEEK TO ACHIEVE ONE THING: "TO RETAIN OCCUPIED TERRITORY TO EXTENT POSSIBLE.

WHOLE DIFFERENCE AMONG THEM IS IN THE APPROACH." SABRI

NOTES THAT PEACE DEMONSTRATORS DID NOT CALL FOR BEGIN'S RESIGNATION, ONLY FOR "FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE" IN NEGOTIATIONS. HE CONCLUDES BEGIN STILL IN CONTROL AND LIKELY TO REMAIN SO. DEPARTURE OF BEGIN NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE ISRAELI POSITION SINCE LABOR PARTY BUILT SETTLEMENTS IN ARAB LAND BEFORE BEGIN CAME TO POWER AND "OBSTRUCTED THE PEACE TALKS". IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, SABRI ASKS WHETHER CARTER ADMINISTRATION "WILLING AND CAPABLE OF DECISIVE INTERVENTION" TO MAKE ISRAEL BUDGE FROM ITS INTRANSIGENCE, CLEARLY IMPLYING ISRAEL WILL CHANGE POSITIONS ONLY UNDER U.S. PRESSURE.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04 CAIRO 11079 190935Z

5. COMMENT: EXPLICIT RECOGNITION THAT GOE DEALING WITH ISRAELI GOVT, NOT INDIVIDUALS, APPEARING WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY IN OFFICIAL AND SEMI-OFFICIAL STATEMENTS. GIVEN SABRI'S CLOSENESS TO SADAT, WE ASSUME IT REFLECTS THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW. AS RESULT WE HEARING LESS ABOUT EZER'S FLEXIBILITY. EILTS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PEACE, PRESS COMMENTS, POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, MEETINGS, NEGOTIATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 apr 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978CAIRO11079
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780176-1106, D780166-0036
Format: TEL
From: CAIRO
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780447/aaaabncq.tel
Line Count: 142
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: d73788ac-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: ONLY
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: ONLY
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2937646
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESS TREATMENT OF PEACE PROCESS/ISRAEL/LEBANON SUMMARY. CAIRO DAILIES APRIL 18 GIVE PROMINENCE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
TAGS: PEPR, PDEV, SOPN, EG, XF, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/d73788ac-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014